

STOCK REPORTS.**A MANIAC'S VICTIMS. NOAH RICHARDS CONVICTED. OTHER FORGERIES BY FIELD. SUSPECT JANNOSS GOES FREE.****The Year's Record for High Prices Again Broken.****Eager Demand for Shares at the Advances.****Favorable Showing in the Weekly Ban's Statement.****WALL STREET, SATURDAY, Dec. 19.—It was a great big bull market at the Stock Exchange this morning, and for a half holiday the transaction losses were very heavy. This year's record for high prices was broken again in several instances, and even at the advance stocks found eager purchasers among the rank and file of the professionals.****London bought St. Paul, Erie and Louisville & Nashville; Chicago bought St. Paul and Rock Island, and Boston had a demand for Atchison.****Altogether, it was a giddy day for the bulls, who say that the market has not really begun to rise yet.****The most active stocks were the Granger, Erie, Louisville & Nashville, the Southwestern, Union Pacific and some of the specialties.****The gains in prices was equal to 4.3 percent. The closing was buoyant.****It is now stated the Reading will pay full interest on its first preferences in cash and that the seconds will get scrip. The matter will be decided Jan. 1.****Baltimore, Lackawanna & Western directors are to meet next Thursday to declare the usual dividend of 1½ per cent. The statement for the year will show over 10 per cent.****The gross earnings of eighty-seven roads for the week of December were \$8,181,217, an increase of \$62,450, and those of the remaining roads for the week were \$4,828,885, an increase of \$48,195.****Taylor's basic statement was favorable, showing an increase in net earnings which the surplus reserve up to \$19,100,000 in excess of legal requirements. The roads show a gain in cost of \$4,285,200, an increase in expenses of \$1,000,000 and an average increase of \$4,450,000.****Following are the comparative figures:****Dec. 12. Dec. 19.****Leads. \$41,796,500 \$42,000,000****Leather. 34,344,900 34,410,000****Debtors. 34,000,000 34,000,000****Capital. 5,559,000 5,589,600****Total. \$82,885,000 \$84,000,000****Dividends of Pennsylvania roads.****The Quotations.****Open. High Low Close.****American Sugar Ref. 548 554 534 545****American Smelting & Ref. 100 104 98 102****Atch., Top. & St. P. 604 615 604 614****Baltimore & Ohio 738 748 738 750****Buffalo & Pitts. 798 804 798 804****Canadian Pac. 1,000 1,010 990 1,000****Central Pacific 351 341 327 338****C. & G. & St. L. 609 614 604 614****C. & I. & Iron. 609 614 604 614****Commercial Cable 1474 1476 1474 1476****Del. & Lack. 1,000 1,010 990 1,000****Duluth, Mich. & St. P. 1208 1,214 1,208 1,208****Erie, Mich. & St. P. 1208 1,214 1,208 1,208****Illinoian 678 684 678 684****Illinoian & St. L. 678 684 678 684****Ind. & St. L. 678 684 678 684**